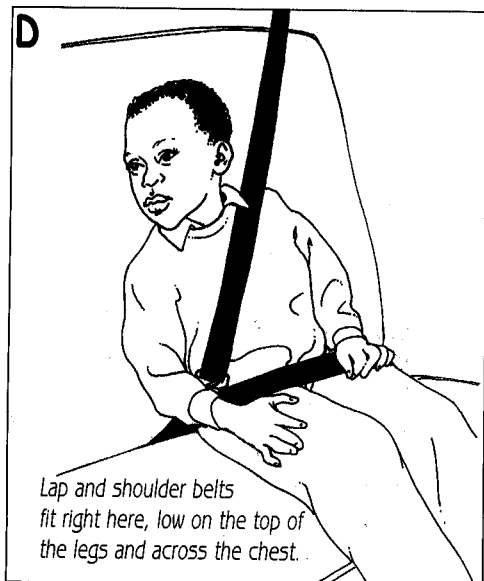




B Child Seat/Booster: This seat (left) has a 5-point harness. If you remove the harness it becomes a belt-positioning booster (right) to use with a lap/shoulder belt for a larger child.



C If the shoulder belt gets loose, give it a strong tug to make it snug again.



D Lap and shoulder belts fit right here, low on the top of the legs and across the chest.

Which booster is best?

- The belt-positioning booster (**B**) and (**C**) is the best choice if your car has combination lap/shoulder belts in the rear seat.
- Use a booster with a high back if there is no head restraint for the child.
- The booster with a high back and a removable harness (**B**) provides the most options in many vehicles. Check the label for the weight limit on the harness.

How long should the booster be used?

- Try the vehicle belts on your child as he or she grows taller. When the child sits comfortably without slouching, with the lap belt low on the hips and the shoulder belt across the shoulder, use the belts without the booster. Lap belt fit is most important. A child is usually ready for the adult lap and shoulder belt when the child can sit with their back against the vehicle seat back cushion with knees bent over the vehicle seat edge with feet on the floor.
- Do your child's ears come above the top of the vehicle seat back? If so, a high-back booster will improve neck protection (**B**).
- Always follow manufacturer instructions.

How should a lap belt fit?

The lap belt should fit low over a child's upper thighs (**D**). Make sure the child sits straight against the seat back. Keep the belt snug. If the lap belt rides up onto the tummy, it could cause serious injuries in a crash.

How can you make a shoulder belt fit better?

The shoulder belt should stay on the shoulder and be close to the child's chest.

- If you have the kind of shoulder belt that stays loose when it is pulled out, make sure there is no more than one inch of slack. Too much slack will prevent the belt from working well. Teach your child to tug at the shoulder belt to take up excess slack.
- If the shoulder belt fits so poorly that it goes across the neck or face, raise the child with a belt-positioning booster.
- NEVER put a shoulder belt under the child's arm or behind the back. Either of these kinds of misuse could cause serious injury in a crash.
- **Warning:** Some devices advertised to improve belt fit for older children and adults are not covered by government standards. They may help with shoulder belt comfort but may put too much slack in the shoulder belt or cause the lap belt to ride up. **Boosters are a better solution for children who fit in them.**